

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

...I am offended by 95% of the comments that come out of Sinclair VP Mark Hyman's mouth on the local Sinclair stations. It is insane that this country can get enraged over a stupid dance routine at the Super Bowl, yet the highly-biased comments this man makes maskering as "News Commentary" get shrugged off. His hate speech is the sort of television that truly I wish to protect my 2 children from!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.